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ASSERTION OF SMALL ENTITY STATUS

Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.27, the undersigned registered attorney respectfully asserts that applicants are entitled to be accorded "small entity" status.

Specifically, pursuant to paragraph (f) of the above-identified section, the undersigned has investigated the facts, and has determined that applicants are entitled to be accorded small entity status based on the definitions set forth in paragraph (a) of the above-identified section.

Should the Patent Office have any questions or comments concerning this submission, the Office is invited to telephone applicants' undersigned representative.

Respectfully submitted,

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